
V. Fund Sources

Funding for the GBNEP is based upon a cooperative agreement between the State of Texas (represented by the Texas Water Commission) and the EPA (represented by Region 6). The cooperative agreement is revised annually to reflect the annual planning/funding cycle.

Since the TWC is the recipient of all federal moneys for the GBNEP, funding is simplified in comparison to many other estuary programs, in which multiple entities are funded by EPA. The 25 percent required match for federal funds under the NEP is assured for the GBNEP by inclusion of general revenue in the TWC Operating Budget for this purpose.

Table 10. Source of Funds for Fiscal Year 1993

Source of Funds	Amount	Type of Award
U.S. EPA	986,550	Clean Water Act Section 320
U.S. EPA- APDP	16,100	Action Plan Demonstration
Texas Water Commission	328,850	General State Revenue
Local	5,367	Local Match for APDP
Total Funds	1,336,867	

EPA share = $1,002,650 / 1,336,867 = 75\%$

Rec. share = $334,217 / 1,336,867 = 25\%$

Since its beginning, the GBNEP has sought and received contributions of time and money by the people and organizations involved with Galveston Bay. As a result of the high levels of commitment and generosity among these cooperators, substantial additional work has been accomplished, beyond what is formally defined in each year's budget. Much of this additional work results specifically from time, travel, and salary contributions by Management Conference members. Active financial support has been received from contractors as well, since many contracts are awarded at least in part on the basis of the level of cost sharing in proposals.

